

## WATER USERS ANNUAL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting of the Water Users on Utah Lake & Jordan River from the pumping plant on Utah Lake to and including the North Jordan Weir near Midvale, Utah.

The meeting was held in the Utah State Engineer's office, State Capitol, January 20, 1966, at 10:00 a.m.

Those present and the users represented were as follows:

Frank Reese	Controller, State Engineer's Office
C. J. Barber	U.S. Smelting, Mining & Refining Company
F. E. Seal	Pres., Utah Lake Distributing Company
Herman C. Nielsen	Pres., South Jordan Canal Company
C. Rell Swensen	Pres., North Jordan Irrigation Company
Richard Carlquist	Pres., Draper Irrigation Company
Elmer J. Taylor	Utah Power & Light Company
J. Golden Haight	Utah Power & Light Company
Alma Fairbourn	Pres., East Jordan Irrigation Company
Charles W. Wilson	Supt., S.L.C. Dept. Water Supply & Waterworks
Richard R. Pexton	Accountant, State Engineer's Office
John Bene	Deputy State Engineer
Donald C. Norseth	Distribution Engineer, State Engr's Office
Earl M. Staker	Distribution Engineer, State Engr's Office
Robert W. Jensen	Utah Water Users Association
David I. Gardner	Comm., Utah Lake and Jordan River

J. Golden Haight, Elmer J. Taylor, Robert W. Jensen, Frank Reese, Richard Pexton, Earl Staker, Donald C. Norseth, John Bene, and David I. Gardner were present, but had no voice in the voting.

Donald Norseth, Distribution Engineer, opened the meeting and set out the procedure of the meeting. It was determined by canvass of those present that there was a quorum in attendance. It was moved by Mr. Nielsen and seconded by Mr. Carlquist that Mr. Charles W. Wilson act as Chairman of the meeting, and Mr. David I. Gardner act as Secretary, and that if there were no objections to these two gentlemen succeeding themselves to these positions that they be elected by acclamation. There was no objection,

and the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Charles W. Wilson, Chairman, ordered the Secretary, Mr. David I. Gardner, to read the minutes of the previous meeting held January 21, 1965. There were no amendments or corrections, and the minutes were approved as read.

The Chairman then asked for a financial report which was read and explained by Mr. Frank Reese, a copy of the financial report having previously been furnished by the Secretary to each of the major users in the District. Among other things, the 1965 report showed as follows:

A. Balance of funds on hand:		
1. Beginning of year	\$ 5,793.35	
2. End of year	<u>6,426.77</u>	
3. Change during year		\$ 633.42
B. Receipts and expenditures:		
1. Receipts		
(a) Regular Assessments	\$11,494.87	
(b) Special Collections	<u>0</u>	
(c) Total	\$11,494.87	
2. Expenditures	\$10,861.45	
C. Difference between receipts and expenditures		\$ 633.42

Mr. Swensen moved that the financial report be approved and ordered filed. Seconded by Mr. Fairbourn. Carried unanimously.

The Chairman declared the next order of business would be the election of a Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner for recommendation to the State Engineer for appointment. Mr. Nielsen moved that David I. Gardner be recommended to the State Engineer for the position of Commissioner of Utah Lake and Jordan River, and that Mr. Jack Rindlisbach be recommended to the State Engineer for appointment to the position of Deputy Commissioner of Utah Lake and Jordan River, both for the period from January 1, 1966, to December 31, 1966, or until a successor to either or both be appointed

and qualified. It was seconded by Mr. Seal, and was carried unanimously. At this point, Mr. Norseth, Distribution Engineer, made a statement accepting the two appointees as recommended by the water users assembled.

It was moved by Mr. Swensen, and seconded by Mr. Nielsen, that the salary of the Commissioner be set at \$5,500.00 per year, payable in 12 equal monthly installments for such portion of his time as is necessary to properly distribute the waters of the system and file a complete report of his work with the State Engineer, and in addition to the above salary the association shall pay the telephone bill of the Commissioner, he shall receive 7¢ per mile automobile expense while on official duty, and \$20.00 per month shall be paid to the Commissioner for office rent. Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Swensen, and seconded by Mr. Nielsen that the salary of the Deputy Commissioner be set at \$4,200.00 per year, payable in 12 equal monthly installments, and in addition to the above salary he shall receive 7¢ per mile automobile expense while on official duty. Said automobile expense shall be approved by the Utah Lake Commissioner. Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Seal, and seconded by Mr. Fairbourn that the same committee from the Water Users be elected to serve as representatives for the Water Users of the District in transacting any business with the State Engineer on behalf of the District for the ensuing year. Mr. Charles W. Wilson, Mr. Richard Carlquist, Mr. Herman C. Nielsen, and Mr. David I. Gardner were members of the previous committee who were to serve for the ensuing year, and Mr. Charles W. Wilson was to act as Chairman and Mr. David I. Gardner as Secretary. Carried unanimously.

The next order of business was the setting of the budget for the year 1966. Mr. Carlquist moved and Mr. Fairbourn seconded the motion that the budget for 1966 be set at \$12,150.00 to be distributed to the various accounts as follows:

WATER COMMISSIONER OF UTAH LAKE	
Salary	\$ 5,500.00
Travel	600.00
Telephone	120.00
Social Security Matching	231.00
State Retirement	220.00
DEPUTY WATER COMMISSIONER OF UTAH LAKE	
Salary	\$ 4,200.00
Travel	150.00
Social Security Matching	176.40
State Retirement	168.00
NEW EQUIPMENT	100.00
BONDS AND INSURANCE PREMIUMS	75.00
COMMISSIONER'S REPORT	200.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	100.00
CONTINGENCY EXPENSE AVAILABLE FOR DEFICIENCY FUNDS	69.60
OFFICE RENT	<u>240.00</u>
TOTAL	\$12,150.00

Further, that the State Engineer be authorized to assess the water users in proportion to the average use of water over the past five year period sufficient to produce \$11,500.00, and the difference between the budget and the amount to be collected be made up from the now existing bank balance, and that the minimum assessment to any water user be \$1.00, and that the State Engineer be authorized to use any surplus or bank balance remaining to the credit of the association on December 31, 1965, to meet expenses until such time as the 1966 assessment is collected, and that

the State Engineer be authorized to charge a 10% penalty on all accounts that are over 60 days delinquent. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Commissioner was asked to make a report of the outlook for the coming year of the water supply for Utah Lake. The report was as follows:

The elevation of Utah Lake on January 1, 1966, was - 2.55 feet below compromise, with a storage in the lake of 594,200 acre feet, as compared with an elevation of - 5.48 feet on January 1, 1965, with a content of 354,400 acre feet. (The above figures are based on the old rating table, and are not the new area capacity table as set up by the Bureau of Reclamation.) This marked improvement in the Utah Lake water supply is largely due to the summer precipitation, which was about 150% of average. This extra precipitation not only cut down the delivery from Utah Lake for irrigation throughout the summer, but the rain fall and the higher humidity also cut down the evaporation losses from the lake itself. So, we now have at the beginning of this year 239,800 acre feet more than last year - part of which is imported water from foreign sources.

A projection into the future, using average inflow and evaporation, indicates that as of May 1st, we should have in storage 774,200 acre feet, and the lake should stand at - 0.47 feet below compromise. This figure anticipates that the Utah Lake Dam Commission will close the gates at Utah Lake in March so as to impound any water that might run to waste into Great Salt Lake. If not, then we have that safety factor.


The flood gates for Utah Lake were opened December 30, 1965, to permit the natural flow to run down Jordan River - part of which has been used by the Utah-Idaho Sugar factory, and the balance flowing down Jordan River.


The Weather Bureau's report for January 1st this year indicates that from the snow cover study alone, the runoff figure should be about average. It is too early to put too much stock in these forecasts, and I am sure that the Utah Lake Dam Commission will look to further forecasts for guidance in the control of the flood water from Utah Lake.

It was moved by Mr. Carlquist, and seconded by Mr. Seal that the Utah Lake Water Users approve the Utah Lake and Jordan River Dam Commission as selected, and that the Board of Canal Presidents have the District Court approve for Salt Lake County Water Users, Mr. Seymour Godfrey and Mr. Frank Pierson to serve as Salt Lake County's representatives on

this commission. Carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was moved by Mr. Barber that the meeting adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Seal. Carried unanimously.

  
/s/ Charles W. Wilson  
Chairman

  
/s/ David I. Gardner  
Secretary